

# 2009 Utah Asthma Task Force Priorities

*Utah communities working together to improve the quality of life for people with asthma.*

**Asthma Management:** To assist people with asthma in improving their quality of life by providing the tools and resources necessary to maximize and promote wellness.

- » Asthma Care Pharmacies Project
  - Start program and evaluation
  - Continue to work on reimbursement and sustainability issues
- » Promote asthma care pharmacies in emergency rooms, doctor's office, etc.

**Health Systems:** Assist the health care system to provide access to appropriate care as defined by National Asthma Education Prevention Program (NAEPP) guidelines.

- » Promote/market Asthma Provider Manual and emergency discharge materials
- » Develop medical office education materials on asthma
- » Educate physicians on Asthma Care pharmacies

**Risk Factors:** To identify asthma risk factors and promote intervention strategies to reduce those risks in Utah.

- » Adapt Respiratory Disease Materials for the Agriculture Industry
  - Develop partnerships
  - Develop materials
  - Distribute materials
- » Air Quality
  - Develop general guidance for outdoor activities when ozone levels are high
  - Increase PM 2.5 awareness
  - Decrease idling in Utah
- » Increase awareness of Pharmacogenomics and family health history and asthma
- » Develop and implement an Asthma Childcare Program

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**Population Issues:** Within population systems, use best practices to provide culturally appropriate assistance for those affected by asthma so they can better manage their asthma within their social and physical environments.

## Youth Population:

- » Implement and evaluate the pilot program for the Asthma School Advocate Resource Packet in at least 5 schools.
- » Implement and evaluate the school-to-parent communication strategy.
- » Promote awareness of the Winning With Asthma program.

## Older Adult Population:

- » Distribute asthma materials through homecare agencies, newsletters, and other venues.
- » Develop appropriate partnerships.

## Adult Population:

- » Distribute asthma education materials through worksites, insurance companies, and other appropriate venues.
- » Develop appropriate partnerships.

## Special Population:

- » Adapt and distribute culturally-appropriate materials as needed.
- » Develop appropriate partnerships.